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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION PROCEDURES AT E-1 AND J-1 SITES

REF: (A) STATE 021240, PARA 5, (B) TEL AVIV 1000, (C) STATE 033733

1. SUMMARY. DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WITH UN CHIEF COORDINATOR SIILASVUO INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO BASIC PROBLEM WITH PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED REF (A). HE STATED HE WOULD NOT PLACE THIS ITEM ON A JOINT COMMISSION AGENDA. DISCUSSION WITH ISRAELIS AS OUTLINED REF (B) INDICATED THAT ISRAELIS ACCEPT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED REF (A) AND ISRAELIS STATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN JOINT COMMISSION. DISCUSSION ON FEBRUARY 12 WITH GENERAL GAMASY, MINDEF AND DEPPRIMIN, INCLUDED AGREEMENT TO VERIFICATION PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED IN REF (A) AND AS ACCEPTED BY THE ISRAELIS IS REF (B). END SUMMARY.

2. IAW REF (C), VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WERE DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL GAMASY COVERING THE IDENTICAL POINTS DISCUSSED WITH ISRAELI GENERAL GAZIT. GENERAL GAMASY AGREED ALSO THAT AN SFM LIAISON OFFICER BE INSIDE E-1 AND THAT HIS MAIN PURPOSE WOULD BE TO VERIFY ACCESS OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL TO E-1. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER UNEF OR SFM WOULD CONDUCT A RANDOM CHECK OF CARGO, AND IT WAS

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EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS AN SFM RESPONSIBILITY AND HE ACCEPTED

THIS. GENERAL GAMASY SAID HE THOUGHT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM SINCE THE MAIN ITEMS GOING INTO E-1 WOULD BE FOOD AND FUEL. I STRESSED THAT PROCEDURES WOULD BE IDENTICAL FOR BOTH SURVEILLANCE SITES. I ADDED THAT IN DISCUSSIONS OF VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WITH ISRAELIS, I HAD ASKED IF J-1 WAS "PASSIVE" OR "ACTIVE" STATION. THEY SAID THAT J-1 WAS "PASSIVE." GENERAL GAMASY INDICATED THAT E-1 WOULD ALSO BE A "PASSIVE" STATION. I POINTED OUT THAT IF EITHER SIDE RESORTS TO "ACTIVE" MEASURES, THE OTHER SIDE WOULD KNOW AND I ASSUMED THAT THIS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE JOINT COMMISSION. GENERAL GAMASY NODDED AT THIS TATEMENT BUT DID NOT COMMENT.

3. OTHER THAN THE STATEMENT INCLUDED IN THE SUMMARY ABOVE, GENERAL SIILASVUO HAD NEITHER COMMENT NOR QUESTION.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, I DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FURTHER WITH THE ISRAELIS, PARTICULARLY THE ITEM CONCERNING RADAR IN PARA 2 OF REF (B), BEFORE FEBRUARY 22. BOTH PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT AND UN CHIEF COORDINATOR HAVE INDICATED THEY UNDERSTAND THE MANNER IN WHICH VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON FEBRUARY 22.

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